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## TO THE WATER USERS OF THE DUCHESNE/STRAWBERRY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

There has been some question about how assessments are calculated and what water is included in the assessment calculation. After meeting with the commissioner and representatives of the association committee, the assessment guidelines listed below have been adopted. These guidelines will be used for calculating the assessments starting in 1996.

The basic principle in the guidelines below is that, for assessment purposes, water is counted each time the commissioner is required to account for it whether in storage, diversion from the river, or moving it through a stretch of stream. The guidelines for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District are listed separately from those for the individual users only for clarity.

### CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

1. The District will be assessed for natural flow water put into storage. Evaporation will be considered in the calculation of the natural inflow to each of the District's reservoirs. In Strawberry Reservoir, evaporation will be included year around. In the District's other reservoirs, evaporation will be considered in the inflow calculations only during the non-irrigation season because it is already included in the exchange calculations during the irrigation season.
2. The District will be assessed for water diverted into the Strawberry Collector System.
3. The District will not be assessed for fish flow releases.
4. The District will be assessed for moving water between reservoirs except for any water that is already assessed under No. 2 above. The assessment will be based on the amount of water released from the upstream reservoir, however, the actual amount of water delivered to the downstream reservoir will be reduced for transportation losses.



OTHER WATER USERS

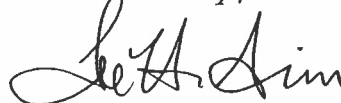
1. Water users will be assessed for delivery of water under their direct flow rights.
2. Water users will be assessed for CUP project water delivered to them. The assessment will be based on the amount of water released, however, the actual amount of water delivered will be reduced by transportation losses.
3. Water users will be assessed for their direct flow water which is regulated in Starvation Reservoir.
4. Water which is released from regulation for delivery will be assessed. Water delivered from regulation will be reduced by transportation losses.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Transportation losses will be set at 5%. This may be revised later based on the experience of operating the system. This is the loss estimate included in the CUWCD contract for project water.
2. Moving water between reservoirs will only be allowed upon approval of the State Engineer.
3. These guidelines are subject to revision as conditions change on the system or as additional experience indicates the need for a change.

If you have any questions or comments concerning these guidelines. please contact me at 538-7380 or Bob Leake, Regional Engineer, at 781-5327.

Sincerely,



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